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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/032,940
Applicant : Matt Chludzinski et al.
Filed : December 26, 2001
Title: EXPANDED UHMWPE FOR GUIDING CATHETER LINERS
AND OTHER LUBRICIOUS COATINGS
Art Unit : 3732
Examiner : P. Philogene
Docket No.: : ACS-58425 (3174P)
Customer No. : 24201

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 16, 2003

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed October 16, 2003 for which a response is due January 16, 2004, please consider the following remarks in connection with the above-identified pending patent application.